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Japan's imports of broiler meat in 2000 are forecast at last year's level. Increased imports of broiler meat from China and Brazil led to higher monthly-ending frozen inventories, and wholesale prices of imported parts fell sharply amid stagnant demand for imported broiler in Japan's HRI sector. Soft retail demand and weak prices for broiler parts have also contributed to a decreased domestic broiler output.

January through June 2000 imports of prepared broiler and poultry products reached 69,662mt, an increase of 30 percent from the previous year. Japanese consumers are turning to less expensive parts and packages of cooked and prepared chicken, mostly imported from China and Thailand. Imports of prepared broiler and poultry products reached 69,562 for the first half of 2000, 30 percent higher than a year ago. Imports from China surged 55 percent.

Broiler Imports for 2000

Country	Metric Tons	Percent Change
U.S.	94,000	-10
China	116,778	+11
Thailand	63,747	no change
Brazil	53,570	+35

Hot summer weather lowered table egg consumption in 2000, but increased use of processed egg products for use in ice cream and chilled deserts. High domestic egg prices and the strong yen in 1999 pushed upwards imports of processed egg products. Japan's processed egg imports (after shell egg conversion) rose 16 percent in 1999 to 101,006mt. Significant rises occurred in imports of dry albumen, up 18 percent from a year ago to 84,708mt in 1999, partly due to stock replenishment and better than anticipated sales of processed meat products for gift items. Albumen is used as a binding agent for processed meat products. Canada, Netherlands and other EU countries are major suppliers of egg albumen.

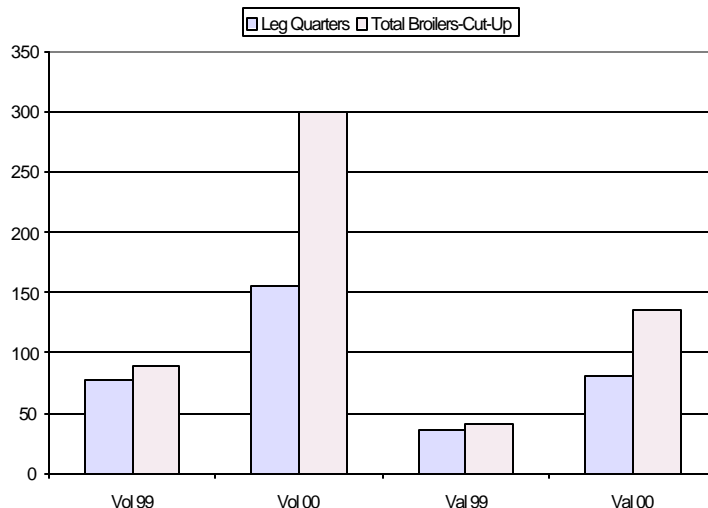
Japan's processed egg products imports are forecast to grow modestly in 2000. The increase is mainly attributable to solid frozen yolk products for ice cream and chilled confection products. Albumen imports are expected to remain unchanged from a year ago, partly affected by sluggish sales of processed meat products in 2000. The U.S. has a dominant import share in frozen yolk and dry whole egg, but the share in albumen products is relatively small compared to other major supplies.

Egg Imports for 2000 (in million pieces)

Country	1999	2000	Percent Change
U.S.	446	450	+1
Brazil	88	90	+2
Canada	240	240	no change
Netherlands	344	350	+2
Others	858	850	-1
Total	1976	1980	no change

Exports of U.S. Leg Quarters and Total Broiler Cut-Ups

January through June, 1999 and 2000



Vol - volume in thousand metric tons.

Val - value in thousand dollars.

Exports of Broiler Leg Quarters and Total Broiler Cut-Ups.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

JAPANESE POWDERED EGG IMPORTS (IN TONS)

Powdered whole egg imports increased 204.3 percent from May, 1999, powdered yolks were up 157.8 percent and powdered albumen imports were down 9.9 percent. January through May imports for 2000 were 1.5 percent lower than in 1999.

Powdered

Month	Whole Eggs	Powdered Yolks	Powdered Albumen	Total
1999				
January	200.2	269.1	912.5	1381.8
February	201.6	251.3	566.2	1019.1
March	233.3	121.9	740.6	1095.8
April	249.6	175.8	881.1	1306.5
May	130.9	136.0	874.5	1141.4
1999 To-Date	1,015.6	954.1	3,974.9	5,944.6
2000				
January	230.1	139.3	861.1	1230.5
February	132.3	64.2	811.5	1008.0
March	187.9	192.1	805.4	1185.4
April	227.9	133.3	801.7	1162.9
May	267.4	214.6	787.6	1269.6
2000 To-Date	1,045.6	743.5	4,067.3	5,856.4

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

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Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending Aug 19, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Liquid	129	428	4,345	8,913
Frozen	0	0	126	6
Dried	0	0	340	384
Total	129	428	4,811	9,303

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending Aug 19, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Liquid	61	192	3,817	3,066
Frozen	3	57	511	242
Dried	0	0	654	166
Total	64	249	4,982	3,474

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S. Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending Aug 19, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Jumbo	66	89	1,247	833
Extra Large	420	1,880	31,354	23,795
Large	1,520	7,148	90,657	83,178
Medium	1,062	840	23,496	33,342
Ungraded	16,380	24,230	222,364	368,294
Misc	0	120	7,887	4,608
Total	19,448	34,307	377,005	514,050

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 25-AUG-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
FAT				
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	20.00	14.00-16.00	-
WTD AVERAGE		20.00	14.28	

153,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	13.00	16.50-17.00	11.00-14.00	14.50-15.50
WTD AVERAGE	13.00	16.75	12.82	15.00

1,809,800 pounds, this includes 40,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 19-Aug-00 (PRELIMINARY)**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,815	1,526	3,341
LAST WEEK	1,964	1,749	3,713
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,952	1,564	3,516
TO-DATE/2000	64,400	47,447	111,847
TO-DATE/1999	70,830	45,199	116,029

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	400	32	432
LAST WEEK	360	22	382
SAME WEEK YR AGO	354	0	354
TO-DATE/2000	15,831	197	16,028
TO-DATE/1999	15,867	199	16,066

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,215	1,558	3,773
LAST WEEK	2,324	1,771	4,095
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,306	1,564	3,870
TO-DATE/2000	80,231	47,644	127,875
TO-DATE/1999	86,697	45,398	132,095

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 25-AUG-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
FAT				
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.25	-	17.00-17.40	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.25		17.03	

740,000 pounds, this includes 240,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.25-17.00	-	-	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.96			16.00

564,000 pounds, this includes 104,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-15.00	15.50	12.00-12.75	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.88	15.50	12.52	14.33

1,300,000 pounds, this includes 260,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	12.75
WTD AVERAGE				12.75

200,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

AUGUST 25, 2000

Undertone on fresh tom breast meat steady to fully steady for the light to good demand. Offerings light to adequate with spot availability out of next week's production. Frozen tom breast meat undertone steady to instances weak. Fresh destrapped tenderloin undertone steady for the fair demand. Frozen destrapped tenderloin demand and trading improved at the lower trending price levels. Undertone steady to firm on drums with fair to good interest noted on both fresh and frozen. Full-cut wing undertone mixed with some claiming strength for domestic shipments while others move product at lower trending price levels for export. Domestic trading moderately heavy on frozen destrapped tenderloins, fair on fresh tom breast meat, fair on frozen tom breast meat 148 cents delivered September-October, balance light. Grade A private label basted-netted-timed 4-8 lb breasts traded at 109 cents delivered October and fresh wing meat 39 cents delivered current. Export trading was moderately heavy on tom full-cut wings, balance light. Defatted gizzards: hen 50, tom 64.50, whole tenderloins 137 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00-26.00		25.50	104	25.32	593
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00-20.00		19.17	624	19.29	728
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS		W	26.00	104	25.33	312
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00	T	15.00 54.00	80 288	14.34 54.84	236 1,076

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	24.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	20.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS		W	26.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	55.00	T	15.00 55.00	80 200

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00		20.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS	26.00		26.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	55.00	T	15.00 55.00	80 144

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00-27.50		25.70	369
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.01	576
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS	25.00		25.00	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	15.00	M	15.00 55.26	80 444

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	25.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.01	576
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS		W	22.00	260
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	14.00 54.00-56.00		14.00 55.26	156 444

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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